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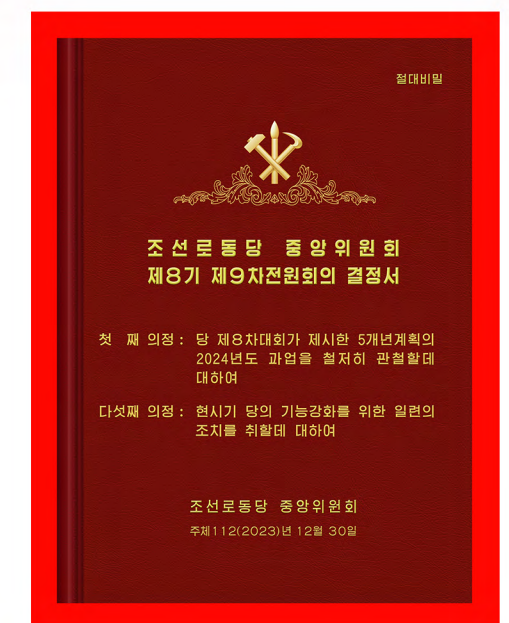
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Ninth Enlarged Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held



Resolution of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

The Ninth Enlarged Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea takes place at the office building of the Central Committee of the WPK from December 26-30, Juche 112 (2023).

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, attends the plenary meeting.



The historic Ninth Enlarged Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the office building of the Central Committee of the WPK from December 26 to 30, Juche 112 (2023).

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, was present at the plenary meeting.

Attending the meeting were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the WPK Central Committee. Present as observers were officials of departments of the Party Central Committee, leading officials of ministries, national institutions, leadership bodies of provincial level, cities, counties and major industrial establishments and chairpersons of city and county agricultural management committees who set an example in agricultural production.

The presidium of the meeting was elected with members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un, upon authorization of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, presided over the plenary meeting.

The plenary meeting put the following items on its agenda:

1. On the review of the implementation of the Party and state policies in 2023 and the orientation of struggle in 2024
2. On increasing the sense of responsibility in the implementation of the socialist policy for schoolchildren
3. On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK for 2023
4. On the fulfilment of the state budget for 2023 and the draft state budget for 2024
5. On a series of measures for strengthening the leadership function of the Party at present
6. Organizational matter

The plenary meeting discussed the first agenda item "On the review of the implementation of the Party and state policies in 2023 and the orientation of struggle in 2024".

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a historic report *On the review of the implementation of the Party and state policies in 2023*.

He referred to the importance and realistic significance of the struggle of 2023, full of great events and satisfactory results, in deciding the success of the work of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.





The report reviewed the remarkable successes made in the overall national economy.

It estimated the overfulfilment of the goal of grain production, the dominant height of decisive significance in the overall economic development and the guarantee of people's living, as the most precious and valuable success achieved in the economic work for 2023.

The General Secretary said that the meeting for year-end account settlement and income distribution showing great enthusiasm and confidence of the officials and working people in the agricultural sector took place in succession at farms throughout the country, adding that it served as an important occasion in bringing about a great revolution in the spiritual state of the farmers and this is a genuine change of the greatest importance in the struggle for attaining the grain production goal in 2023 and for the sustained agricultural

development in the future.

Referring to the letters sent to the Party Central Committee by many units across the country for donating out of patriotism the grain they prepared with sincerity, he proposed with respect to extend thanks to those units in the name of the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee, saying that our Party holds such simple and sincere patriotism of the agricultural workers more valuable than myriads of tons of grain.

The plenary meeting fully supported his proposal.

The report appreciated the remarkable successes made in the housing construction for the people, an important state affair the Workers' Party of Korea has given top priority to since the Eighth Party Congress.

It also noted that the key industrial sector brought about a remarkable increase in production and many readjustment and reinforcement

projects were completed and other encouraging successes were made in the course of the struggle to attain the 12 major goals for national economic development.

Reviewing 2023 as a year in which efforts to bring about new innovations and changes in the field of science and technology have been intensified, the General Secretary said that the most proud scientific and technological achievements were made in the field of space science and technology.

The General Secretary reviewed the remarkably increased politico-ideological might of the DPRK as the most significant success in the struggle of 2023.

The report said that great successes have been achieved in the struggle against the enemy and in strengthening the defence capabilities for defending the sovereignty and dignity of the country.

In total, 2023 is a year of great turn and change both in name and

reality when the DPRK left a great footprint in the glorious course of its development in the efforts to improve the national power and to enhance the prestige of the country, the General Secretary said, expressing his high respect for the heroic struggle of the Workers' Party members, sincere working people and service personnel who have dynamically pushed forward a new phase of prosperity and development with their strong redoubled efforts true to the Party's idea and leadership.

He extended warm thanks to the members of the entire Party, people across the country and service personnel of the entire army who contributed to filling 2023 with successes of loyalty and patriotism, overcoming all sorts of difficulties and hardships with firm trust in our cause and indomitable spirit.

He said that our Party and people have been convinced that they can certainly fulfil the five-year plan aimed at laying the firm foundations



for the development of the national economy and advancing towards the sustained development through the past three-year stubborn struggle.

The General Secretary called upon all the participants in the plenary meeting to fully discharge their responsibility and role in the work for 2024 to create a history of new victory for the overall national prosperity, with the high pride and self-confidence in the struggle of 2023 and deeply aware of the problems to be surely solved in our future work.

Speeches were made on the first agenda item.

The plenary meeting heard and analyzed the speeches and made relevant evaluations.

Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion on the first agenda item *On the orientation of struggle in 2024*.

Saying that the successes achieved in the course of implementing the Party and state policies in 2023 serve as another precious asset

for our advance and development, he referred to the orientation of the future struggle.

The General Secretary noted that the primary problem is to strengthen the administrative and economic work system and order of the state and specified the principled issues and practical ways for the Cabinet to sustain the lifeline of the national economy and propel the purposeful economic development in line with the duty of the overall state management institution endowed by the constitution.

He advanced the specific tasks and ways for steadily increasing the agricultural productivity, including the work to definitely set the strategy and the step-wise goals for the development of farm machines and strongly promote the mechanization of the rural economy on the basis of survey and evaluation of the country's overall agricultural infrastructure and agro-technical capability, the work to complete the country's irrigation system and the work to vigorously hasten the reclamation of tideland without letup.





The General Secretary stressed the need for the cultural sector, which occupies an important position in the present struggle for the overall development of socialism and should steadily advance in the van, to take a more vigorous step forward in all aspects of cultural construction on the basis of the previous experience and lessons gained in the last three years, especially in the work of 2023.

He analyzed and evaluated the dangerous security environment on the Korean peninsula on the brink of a nuclear war and the nature of the hostile forces' military confrontation moves and clarified the important policy decision to further accelerate the radical development of the national defence capabilities.

He said that as shown by all the facts, the confrontation nature of the US and its top class stooges has not changed even in the least but is getting more undisguised and more vicious.

The conclusion called on the munitions industry to reliably guarantee the successful implementation of the Party's strategy for

the development of the national defence by further expanding the successes made in consolidating the self-supporting foundation of the defence industry and in developing and producing arms and equipment.

The General Secretary made a detailed analysis of the gigantic geopolitical changes in international geo-political situation and balance of forces in 2023, the main features of present international situation and the external environment of the Korean peninsula. And he advanced the strategic and tactical policies to be held fast to in the external affairs and clarified the need to newly formulate the stands on the north-south relations and reunification policy and make a decisive policy change in the work against the enemy.

He set forth the tasks for concentrating the main efforts on the development of relations with the ruling parties of socialist countries to further expand and strengthen the external sphere of the country, further consolidating the foundation of support and solidarity to the





DPRK by further developing the relations with the anti-imperialist independent countries opposed to the hegemony strategy of the US and the West under ever-changing international situation and waging a dynamic anti-imperialist joint action and struggle on an international scale.

Expressing belief that another great turn to be brilliantly recorded in the history of the country would be effected in the overall work of the Party and the state and in our socialist construction in 2024, too, by the indomitable fighting spirit and efforts of millions of Party members, all the people and service personnel across the country boundlessly loyal to the Party and the revolutionary cause, the General Secretary ardently called upon all of us and other people of the whole country to wage a more dynamic struggle with confidence in victory and great enthusiasm.

The plenary meeting discussed the second agenda item “On increasing the sense of responsibility in implementing the socialist policy for schoolchildren”.

Kim Jong Un made a report.

Saying that the work for our schoolchildren is a political work guaranteeing the rosy future of the country before it is an economic

and practical work and the children’s bright laugh is just a symbol of the socialist system and the image of Korean-style socialism, he earnestly requested all officials to further enhance their sense of responsibility and role in the important revolutionary work with which our Party takes all pains by maintaining the feature and fulfilling the sacred duty of a genuine revolutionary.

The plenary meeting discussed “On the work of the Central Inspection Commission of the Party for 2023” as the third agenda item.

The plenary meeting decided to form a state budget assessment group for examining and deliberating the fulfilment of the state budget for 2023 and the draft state budget for 2024 in the discussion for the fourth agenda item.

The plenary meeting discussed “On a series of measures for strengthening the leadership function of the Party at present” as the fifth agenda item and unanimously approved a relevant resolution.

The plenary meeting discussed the organizational matter as the sixth agenda item.

The plenary meeting held panel study and consultative meetings for two days for drafting a thorough and correct plan for carrying out





the tasks for the new year on the basis of the idea and spirit of the important conclusion made by the General Secretary.

The 18th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was convened on December 30.

The Political Bureau examined the opinions integrated at the panel study and consultative meetings and decided to amend and supplement the draft resolution to submit it to the plenary meeting.

It also decided to examine the implementation of the state budget for 2023 and the draft state budget for 2024 deliberated by the state budget assessment group and to report them to the plenary meeting.

It decided to present the major goals to the plenary meeting on the basis of the view that it is important for ensuring the growth of the whole economy while consolidating and maintaining the success of 2023 to continue to put forward the 12 major goals of key importance in developing the economy and improving the people's living standards and direct efforts to them in the new year, too.



Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet, reported the results of the meeting of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee to the plenary meeting.

The plenary meeting unanimously adopted the resolution “On carrying through the year 2024 tasks for the five-year plan set forth by the Eighth Party Congress”.

The plenary meeting finally examined the fulfilment of the state budget for 2023 and the draft state budget for 2024 and approved submitting it to the Tenth Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly.

Kim Jong Un affirmed that the historic December Plenary Meeting decided on the direction of the struggle for 2024 in a more prudent manner and adopted relevant resolutions in conformity with the requirements of the revolution and the objective and subjective situation, thus providing a powerful weapon of struggle for making the overall development period of Korean-style socialism have a firm aspiration and achieving greater successes by bringing about a dynamic upsurge in the revolution.

Noting that it is the main idea and main spirit of the current plenary meeting to more dynamically struggle for attaining the goals set forth by the Eighth Party Congress in unity with patriotism, the General Secretary stressed that we should carry forward to 2024 the 2023 glory of achieving the most valuable victory and successes with redoubled courage and vigour, full of confidence in our strength and our cause, together with the great people.

When all the Party organizations and officials faithfully fulfil the sacred mission and duty they have assumed before the state and people, rallied close around the Party Central Committee, the manifold ordeals and difficulties will be overcome and our cause dynamically advancing for realizing the grand ideal and goal will be further accelerated, he noted.

Taking the oath solemnly on behalf of the Party Central Committee that he would always be faithful to the revolutionary idea and cause of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, he expressed belief that the high enthusiasm of all the participants ahead of the new struggle in 2024 would surely lead to bold practice and proud fruition.

2024 Celebrated with Grand Art Performance

A grand art performance for celebrating the New Year 2024 was given with splendour at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, amid great excitement of all the people seeing in the New Year with the spirit of working hard to hasten a new victory full of

great confidence.

A ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK was held.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed the performance

together with senior officials of the Party and the government.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium together with his respected daughter and wife, being greeted with a thunderous standing ovation of the audience.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Enjoys Performance



Kim Jong Un waves back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds as a token of his warm greeting of best wishes to all the audience and all the beloved people of the country seeing in the New Year.

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Leading officials of the WPK and the DPRK government, and officials of armed forces organs were seen in the auditorium.

The performance was enjoyed by the participants in the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, participants in the New Year celebrations, Pyongyang citizens, service personnel and students of the revolutionary schools.

Members of the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang watched the performance.

The performance was given by artistes of prestigious art troupes, including the State Merited Chorus and the Wangjaesan Art Troupe, students of art education institutions in the city, ice sportspeople and children.

The performance that began with the prelude *We Sing of the Party* put on the stage colourful numbers, including monumental songs of the times praising the WPK, an invincible Party which unites all the people under the banner of patriotism with its

strong might of guidance and successfully leads Korean-style socialism to an overall upsurge and development.

There came the last moment of the year and the bells began tolling solemnly to celebrate New Year's Day at 00:00 on January 1 along with the ignition of the torch of celebration and the display of fireworks in the sky above the capital city.

Children presented bouquets to Kim Jong Un and leading officials of the Party and the government and wished them a happy New Year.

The performance, which ended with

the finale *Snow Is Falling on New Year's Day, We Are the Happiest in the World and Our National Flag*, redoubled the high revolutionary enthusiasm and fighting spirit of all the people to bring earlier the rosy future of the powerful state with the inexhaustible power of their unity based on loyalty and patriotism under the ever-victorious guidance of the great Party Central Committee.

At the end of the performance, loud cheers of "Hurrah!" for Kim Jong Un rocked the venue again and fireworks were let off to gorgeously decorate the nocturnal sky.





Kim Jong Un Hosts Dinner for Members of Leadership Body of WPK Central Committee



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, hosted a dinner for members of the leadership body of the Party Central Committee in the name of the General Secretary on December 31 last year, expressing deep thanks to them for showing boundless responsibility, resolute fighting will and courage in the discussion at the December 2023 Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee, which indicated the direction of the historic advance of 2024, out of their transparent

readiness to remain true to their honourable responsibility and duty for the Korean revolution.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a meaningful congratulatory speech.

Saying that in 2023, a year of continuing struggle, we have worked resolutely and achieved without fail the successes we desired and aspired to, thus making it filled with events that will open a new epochal phase on the road of our revolution's advance, he noted that these precious successes are a fruit of the strenuous and

devoted efforts made by all the members of the leadership body of the Party Central Committee and appreciated their year-round efforts.

He affirmed that if our leading officials press forward in the same staunch, proactive and pioneering spirit, in the new year, we will creditably perform the important duties we have assumed for our revolution and people, and proposed a toast to the DPRK, to the health of all the people, all Party members and all the service personnel of the Korean People's Army greeting the New Year, and

to the happiness and peace of all the families across the country.

All the participants drank their toasts, vowing to more thoroughly arm themselves with the revolutionary idea of Kim Jong Un, top representative of the absolute prestige and mightiness of the ever-victorious WPK, and work harder for the prosperity and development of the great state and the well-being of the people.

Kim Jong Un had a significant photo session with members of the leadership body of the Party Central Committee on that day.

Congratulatory Speech of Kim Jong Un

December 31, Juche 112 (2023)

Comrades,
We will soon be seeing out 2023, a year of continuing struggle.
We have worked resolutely this year and have, without fail, achieved the successes we desired and aspired to. By doing so, we have filled it with events that will open a new epochal phase on the road of our revolution's advance.
I find it difficult to remember a year like this one, when our painstaking efforts have led to such proud successes and conspicuous changes.
These precious successes are a fruit of the strenuous and devoted efforts made by all of you, the members of the leadership body of the Party Central Committee who are present here.
I thank you, comrades, for all the efforts you have made this

year.
There was no one who failed to bring anything to the December Plenary Meeting that proudly reviewed 2023. Every one of you had defended your post with a sense of responsibility, working against overwhelming odds to perform the daunting tasks confronting you, and remained faithful to the mission the Party and the people have entrusted to you.
Tough as the going has been, you have continued to advance through the hardships. In the course of this, you have been further tempered ideologically and mentally, refined your traits and significantly improved your abilities, gained valuable experience and lessons, and become further confident in yourselves.
A success of 2023 that is no less precious than those that

are immediately evident is the fact that our leading officials have become better qualified. This, above all else, makes me happy.
It provides a solid guarantee for the victories we will continue to achieve in the new year.
I am confident that if, in the new year, we press forward in the same staunch, proactive and pioneering spirit, we will perform with credit the important duties we have assumed for our revolution and people, and achieve more than what is expected of us.
Comrades,
More tasks lie ahead of us.
What we have done so far is trifling and small, when compared with the happy life and future for our people that we

are dreaming of.
We have no cause to rest on our laurels with what we have done so far, nor any right to be satisfied with it.
We should feel remorse for our failure to live up to the people's expectations, and, always mindful of them, should work hard to make 2024 a year of redoubled efforts for the good of them and our great state.
To our great Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
To the health of all the people, all Party members and all the service personnel of the People's Army, who will be greeting the new year soon, and
To the happiness and peace of all the families across the country,
I propose a toast.



Kim Jong Un has a significant photo session with members of the leadership body of the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un Gives Pep Talk to Major KPA Commanding Officers



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met major commanding officers including the commanders of the large combined units of the Korean People's Army at the office building of the WPK Central Committee on December 31 last year to highly praise the KPA's feats in 2023 and give them a pep talk.

He highly praised the feats performed by the service personnel in defending the country and building socialism all the year round, regarding the boundless loyalty to the Party and the people and the spirit of absoluteness and unconditionality in implementing the orders and instructions as their lifeblood, and extended his warm thanks and New Year greetings to all the service personnel through the commanders.

Analyzing in detail again the critical security environment on the Korean peninsula inching closer to the brink of armed conflict as the days go by and the nature of the US and other hostile forces' military confrontation moves, he said that the situation indicates the urgency to further sharpen the treasured sword for safeguarding the security and peace of the DPRK and perfect the army's regular military response posture.

Referring to the importance of the great responsibility and role of the commanders who are responsible for the destiny of the country and the people and standing guard at the outpost for national defence, he stressed the need to make it a fait accompli that armed conflict may occur any time due to the reckless provocations of the enemy and thoroughly carry out the militant tasks assigned by the WPK plenary meeting to the revolutionary armed forces.

The more dynamically the Korean revolution advances, the more desperately the US imperialists and the ROK clan try to stop it, he said, stressing that our army should frustrate any forms of provocations of the enemy without fail with staunch hostility toward the enemy and transparent viewpoint on the principal enemies, and that if the enemy opt for military confrontation and provocation against the DPRK, our army should deal a deadly blow to thoroughly annihilate them by mobilizing all the toughest means and potentialities without a moment's hesitation.

He expressed belief that all the service personnel of the entire army would register bigger successes in implementing the Party's line of building a powerful army and its military policy with due self-confidence and pride that their arms serve the most just cause in the world, bearing in mind the trust and expectation of the Party and the people, and thus glorify 2024 as a new heyday of strengthening the war preparations.

Schoolchildren Give Performance for Celebrating 2024 in Presence of Respected Fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un



A performance of schoolchildren for greeting the New Year 2024 was given with splendour at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace on January 1.

When the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un arrived at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, instructors and schoolchildren of the palace burst into cheers full of great excitement.

Kim Jong Un was presented with a floral basket carrying the unanimous best wishes of the members of the Korean Children's Union (KCU) across the country.

He warmly waved back to the schoolchildren giving an artistry presentation and saw the lovely looks of children dancing at the circle dance ground full of excitement and joy for a long time.

He watched the science fiction models invented by schoolchildren.

Stressing the importance of education in theory in raising schoolchildren's brain development and thinking ability, he called for innovating the contents and methods of education to make sure that schoolchildren would acquire practical knowledge for socialist construction.

He met with the schoolchildren with special art talent and watched the pieces created by them, appreciating their drawing and calligraphic skill.

He listened to the stories about the pride of exemplary members of the KCU in their knowledge, virtues and strong physique and expressed great satisfaction over the fact that they have studied hard and led a worthy life of the KCU organizations and done many good things, and wished them rosy future.

He appreciated the performance together with senior officials of the Party and the government and department staff members of the Party Central Committee.



Unfolded on the stage was the pride of schoolchildren singing of their great happiness under the warm affections and love of the benevolent father who always sets policies for children before anything else and spares nothing for the good of the younger generation.

Through the performance, the audience keenly realized that the reality where the younger generation acquire profound knowledge, impeccable morality and strong physique and grow up to be reliable successors who will shoulder the future of the DPRK under the red Party flag of Juche is the most proud and powerful image of a powerful state and the true greatness of our times and revolution.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience as it reflected the determination of loyalty of schoolchildren to prepare themselves to be young revolutionaries and patriots upholding the powerful





country under the uplifted slogan of “Let us be always ready for socialist country!” as befits masters of a thriving and powerful state firmly guaranteeing that the Juche revolution is full of vitality all the time.

When the performance was over, the entire audience raised stormy

cheers of “Hurrah!” looking up to the benevolent father who defines the bright smile of children as the symbol of the socialist system and the mightiness of Korean-style socialism, defends and glorifies their smile and opens up a broad avenue for the cause of building a powerful country advancing by dint of love for the younger



generation.

Kim Jong Un wished all the children of the country greeting the New Year good luck for the future, waving back to the enthusiastic cheers of schoolchildren.

He had a photo session with schoolchildren to show profound

loving care which they will always remember, saying that days and months of our country will be eternal as those full of children’s happy smiles under the care of the Workers’ Party of Korea and that the song *We Are the Happiest in the World* will resound as the eternal theme song of the era of the Workers’ Party for all ages.







Kim Jong Un Visits Farm Machine Exhibition



Amid the growing enthusiasm of all the people across the country who have made a vigorous step for 2024 in the spirit of general onward march for making a leap forward towards a new victory true to the idea and spirit of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, an exhibition of farm machines "Development of farm machine industry-2023", which serves as an important occasion in clearly defining the direction of the development of the country's agricultural machine industry, is going on at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the exhibition on January 2.

He was accompanied by senior Party and government officials.

On display at the venue of the exhibition are hundreds of kinds of farm machines designed and manufactured by the cooperative efforts of the Agricultural Commission and relevant fields, including various kinds of tractors, rice-seedling transplanters, agricultural drones, wheat and barley planters and mobile combined maize



threshers.

Watching the farm machines on display, Kim Jong Un learned in detail about their performance and technical specifications.

He appreciated the great efforts made by the relevant farm machine production units and other relevant units to produce efficient and high-performance farm machines that suit our countryside's specific conditions with their own technical forces.

He said it is most important to make a correct assessment of the existing technical capability for manufacturing farm machines and, on this basis, work out a long-term development plan in a scientific way from the viewpoint that quality takes precedence over quantity and is essential in attaining the goal of mechanization of farm work set forth in the programme for the rural revolution in the new era.

Noting that to bring about a radical improvement in the field of the farm machine industry at present is an urgent requirement of the revolution and an important guarantee for implementing the programme for the rural revolution in the new era, he clarified the principled issues for correctly working out the strategy for developing farm machines and accelerating the modernization of the farm machine production sector and the building of its capacity and the important tasks for doing so.



Kim Jong Un Inspects Major TEL Factory



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected a major TEL (transporter erector launcher) factory bringing about a great upsurge in production every day while remarkably raising the mental strength and patriotic enthusiasm of its employees, true to the idea of the December 2023 Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un was accompanied by his respected daughter.

He was also accompanied by senior officials of the Party Central Committee and leading officials of the Missile Administration.

Looking at the large TELs and various kinds of TELs produced by the factory, he learned in detail about the production.



After acquainting himself with the factory's implementation of last year's production plan, he highly appreciated its officials and workers for vigorously striving to attain a new production goal in the new year after overfulfilling the TEL production goal set by the Party Central Committee through a dynamic drive for increased

production and creation to glorify 2023 as a year of great changes in bolstering up the national defence capabilities.

He expressed great satisfaction at the fact that the factory has inspired great enthusiasm for struggle by briskly conducting dynamic mass movements including technological innovation

movement and effectively organizing socialist emulations among workshops, workteams and operators, giving priority to ideological education, and that the employees are keeping their workplaces clean and tidy with warm love for their factory and creating a highly cultured labour and production environment.



Stressing that the factory's position and role are very important in implementing the historic task of bolstering the national defence capabilities, being pushed forward with nonstop, given the prevailing grave situation that requires the country to be more firmly prepared for a military showdown with the enemy, he indicated the

tasks to be fulfilled by the factory.

Saying that the important factor governing the successful production is just the idea and faith of those involved in production, he urged the factory to consistently intensify the ideological education to instil into its employees the fighting spirit displayed by the workers of

Kunja-ri in the 1950s and the noble sense of duty that they are standing in the forefront for strengthening the national defence capabilities, thus raise their mental power to the maximum and focus all manpower and potentialities on the dynamic campaign for implementing the munitions industry policy of the Party.



Fifth National Conference of Mothers Held

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Saying that the small family groups the mothers have built up with such care out of a feeling of patriotism constitute a cornerstone that firmly supports the country, thanks to which the great socialist family remains solidly united and the country continues to grow in strength and highly appreciating that this is an enduring exploit performed by the mothers in Korea for the Party, the revolution and the country, Kim Jong Un, on behalf of the Party Central Committee and the Government of the Republic, offers his heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to all those present at the conference and to all other mothers in the country.



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attends the conference.



In his opening address Kim Jong Un clarifies the intention of the Party Central Committee which attaches great importance to the Fifth National Conference of Mothers and expresses his firm conviction that the conference would mark an epochal turning point in ensuring that all the mothers in the country, fully aware of their current mission and revolutionary duty, devote their wisdom, strength and enthusiasm to the patriotic cause for the victory of our style of socialism.

The Fifth National Conference of Mothers was held in Pyongyang on December 3 and 4 last year.

The conference was attended by the mothers who contributed to beefing up the national power and making the large socialist family prosperous by successfully bringing up their children as reliable pillars of the country, mother heroines who gave birth to many children, mothers who take care of orphans and women's union officials of Pyongyang and local areas.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea, attended the conference.

Taking the platform were cadres of the Party and the military, mother heroines, officials of the working people's organizations and relevant sectors and mothers who rendered distinguished services to training the rising generations and making the country prosperous.

Kim Jong Un made an opening address.

The small family groups our mothers have built up with such care out of a feeling of patriotism, constitute a cornerstone that firmly supports our country, thanks to which our great socialist family remains solidly united and our country continues to grow

in strength, he said, highly appreciating that this is an enduring exploit performed by the mothers in Korea for the Party, the revolution and the country. And, on behalf of the Party Central Committee and the Government of the Republic, he offered his heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to all those present at this conference and to all the other mothers in the country.

He clarified the intention of the Party Central Committee which attaches great importance to the Fifth National Conference of Mothers and, with a firm conviction that this conference would mark an epochal turning point in ensuring that all the mothers





in the country, fully aware of their current mission and revolutionary duty, devote their wisdom, strength and enthusiasm to the patriotic cause for the victory of our style of socialism, declared the Fifth National Conference of Mothers open.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a report at the conference.

The reporter said that Kim Jong Un has energetically led the Party organizations and working people's organizations to steadily improve the work with mothers in conformity with the changed circumstances and specific conditions.

For our mothers the past period of more than ten years was a fruitful and proud one which will never be forgotten forever, he

said, adding that they have supported the WPK with invariable loyalty and patriotism and firmly defended the DPRK government and socialist system despite the heinous challenges of the hostile forces and manifold unexpected disasters.

He introduced that 11 heroines of the DPRK, over 50 labour heroines and more than 3 500 meritorious women of socialist patriotism have been produced among our mothers since the Fourth National Conference of Mothers.

Speeches were made at the conference.

The congratulatory group of the Korean Children's Union entered the venue of the conference and recited a congratulatory poem "We extend glory to the great mother".

The newly-enacted Communist Mother



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difficulties, and warmly congratulated once again the participants in the conference and the mothers who received the Communist Mother Honour Prize at the conference on behalf of the Party Central Committee and the government of the Republic.

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Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with Participants in Fifth National Conference of Mothers

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had a photo session with the participants in the Fifth National Conference of Mothers on December 8.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue, all the participants raised stormy cheers for the great father of the large socialist family who convened a grand meeting for those who had fulfilled their due responsibility and duty of motherhood for their families and society and showed all privileges and warm loving care for them.

Kim Jong Un was presented with bouquets of fragrant flowers by participants in the conference in reflection of the unanimous best wishes of all the mothers across the country.

Waving back to the enthusiastically cheering participants, he extended warm greetings to them and all other mothers across the country who have devoted themselves to the sound growth of their beloved children, harmony of their families and the rosy future of the country.

He said that the heroic feats performed by tens of millions of sons and daughters of the DPRK who recorded the history of the Korean revolution with victory and glory are a precious fruition of the boundless affection, love and devotion of the strong and considerate mothers who have brought up the pillars of the country and become the roots for ensuring the steady continuity to the cause of Juche and that all the wealth created on this land is densely permeated with the jewel-like patriotic loyalty and precious sweat of our resourceful and diligent women.

The family affairs precisely mean the state affairs and the great socialist family will further prosper only when every family, a cell of society, is strong and viable, he said, adding that the noble life of the mothers in this country cultivating the freshness and beautiful future of society has come to further shine as the great pride and honour of all children who grow to be upright and as the inexhaustible strength of our Party and state with the Fifth National Conference of Mothers as an occasion.

He had a photo session with the participants in the conference, again wishing all the mothers, who have displayed the mental and moral traits of the Korean women best in the world while invariably taking the road of devotion for their families and younger generation and for the prosperity and development of the country as they cherish deep in mind the dearest and sacred call, mother, good health and happiness.

He also had a photo of love taken with the schoolchildren who carried out the honourable mission as a congratulatory group of the Korean Children's Union of the Fifth National Conference of Mothers on the same day.





Clear Demonstration of DPRK's Strategic Forces' Toughest Retaliation Will and Overwhelming Strength

Launch Drill of ICBM Hwasongpho-18 Conducted

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, watched the launching-drill of an ICBM unit on the spot.

The drill was aimed at reviewing the combat readiness of the DPRK's nuclear war deterrent and confirming its mobility, combat

capability and reliability.

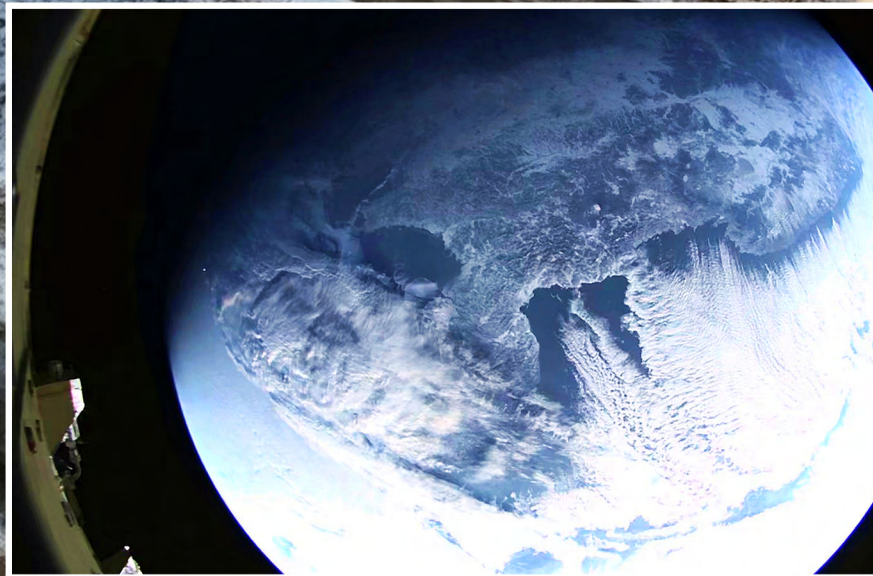
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un listened to the plan for the launching drill, acquainting himself with the preparation for launch in a standby zone beforehand.

Then he mounted the central command observation post and approved the launch of a strategic weapon, and General Jang Chang Ha, director of the Missile Administration, issued a launch order to the Second Red Flag Company.

The moment, a huge body fully charged with the absolute will and strength to mercilessly retaliate against the hostile forces obsessed with the ambition for nuclear confrontation with the DPRK began soaring into the sky with a shower of fire in its tail, making a deafening explosion.



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The launching drill had no negative effect on the security of the neighbouring countries.

Through the drill, the combat capability of the ICBM unit was highly estimated. And also verified once again were the rapid response posture of the strategic armed forces of the DPRK and the reliability of the most powerful strategic core striking means of the DPRK's military muscle.

Expressing great satisfaction over the results of the launching drill, Kim Jong Un said with pride that the successful drill is a practical demonstration of the actual condition and reliability of the formidable striking capabilities and absolute nuclear war deterrent possessed by the DPRK's armed forces.

He said that the launching drill sent a clear signal to the hostile forces, who have whipped up the reckless military confrontation

hysteria against the DPRK all the year round and are frantically maximizing it till the end of the year despite the repeated stern warnings and denunciation by the DPRK. Noting that it was an occasion to clearly show what action the DPRK has been prepared for and what option it would take when Washington makes a wrong decision against it, he appreciated that the drill once again and strikingly displayed the DPRK's indomitable will for toughest counteraction and its overwhelming strength.

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After inspecting the launching drill he set forth some new important tasks for accelerating the development of the DPRK's nuclear strategic forces.



The nuclear strategic forces of the DPRK will perfect their military posture with more accuracy and confidence to resolutely suppress any grave military crisis and war crisis that may come at any moment.



Kim Jong Un Meets and Congratulates Soldiers of Second Red Flag Company under Missile Administration



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, invited to the office building of the Party Central Committee the soldiers of the Second Red Flag Company under the Missile Administration, who participated in a launching drill of ICBM Hwasongpho-18 and congratulated and encouraged them on December 20 last year.

When Kim Jong Un appeared at the venue of the photo session, all the missile soldiers broke into cheers as a token of their most enthusiastic respect.

Kim Jong Un said that he was deeply impressed with the combat efficiency of the company which displayed high mobility and rapid attack capability in the launching drill and expressed warm thanks to the company, reflecting the trust of all the people in it.

Saying that defence of the country's dignity, sovereignty and interests can be certainly guaranteed only by strong power, he added that it is the genuine defence capability and the strong defence of peace to have the real capability of preemptively attacking the enemy anywhere and the war posture, making any enemy fearful.

Expressing expectation that the company would reliably carry out its sacred special mission of preventing a war and defending peace by fully preparing itself for fulfilling its mission of nuclear war deterrence anytime, he paid tribute to the brilliant honour of the Second Red Flag Company of the Missile Administration, a pride of the Party and the state, and had a photo session with the reliable soldiers.



Pyongyang Citizens Vow to Thoroughly Implement Decisions of Party Plenary Meeting

A meeting of Pyongyang citizens took place at May Day Stadium on January 5 to vow to implement the decisions of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were officials, working people, youth and students in Pyongyang.

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of

Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, other senior officials of the Party and the government, officials and labour innovators in the municipality occupied the platform.

Kim Su Gil, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the

WPK, made a report.

He said that when all officials, Party members and other working people would make extraordinary exertions and infinite devotion, a fresh turn would be brought about in the work of Pyongyang Municipality and it would precisely be the banner in the effort to effect a great patriotic upsurge across the country. Then he called upon all the citizens to work hard

for the overall prosperity of Korean-style socialism and for the new changes and striking development of the beloved capital city of Pyongyang, rallied close around the Party Central Committee.

Speeches were made.

A letter of pledge to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was adopted with enthusiastic applause by the participants.

Then followed a demonstration.



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